

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims pending:

- At time of the Office Action: Claims 1-21.
- After this Response: Claims 1-22.

Canceled claims: None.

Amended claims: Claim 1, 3-4, 6-10, 12-13, 15-18 and 20.

New Claims: Claim 22.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A system for transacting business between a solicitor and a business comprising:

a server used by a business and being accessible by a solicitor; and

a contract evaluator housed on the server, wherein the contract evaluator receives input data from the solicitor and determines at a first stage whether the input data is complete, and error free in accordance with error validation criteria, to receive further evaluation, and at a second stage whether the input data as a whole falls within ~~one or more~~ at least two specific pathways of further data evaluation, a first of the specific pathways having an associated first mathematical model and a second of the specific pathways having an associated second mathematical model.

2. **(Original)** The system of claim 1, wherein if the input data is not complete at the first stage, then the solicitor is alerted to complete the input data.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 2, wherein ~~the solicitor is directed to data that is not complete~~the contract evaluator determines at the second stage whether the input data as a whole falls with one of the at least two specific pathways based on one or more rules, the one or more rules being associated with a reinsurance business model.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 1, wherein each of the ~~one or more~~at least two specific pathways has a prerequisite of a given range of variables.

5. **(Original)** The system of claim 4, wherein a default pathway is followed if the input data does not fall within any of the one or more specific pathways.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 1, wherein one of the ~~one or more~~at least two specific pathways accepts the input data of the solicitor and signals the solicitor that a contract has been formed.

7. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 1, wherein one of the ~~one or more~~at least two specific pathways presents the solicitor with a counteroffer.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 1, wherein one of the ~~one or more~~at least two specific pathways requires manual intervention by a person who evaluates the input data.

9. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 1, wherein one of the ~~one or more~~at least two specific pathways signals the solicitor that a contract cannot be formed.

10. **(Currently Amended)** A system for transacting business between a solicitor and a business, the system comprising:

a server used by a business and being accessible by a solicitor; and

means for automated contract evaluation housed on the server, wherein the means for evaluation receives input data by the solicitor and determines at a first stage whether the input data is complete, and error free in accordance with error validation criteria, to receive further evaluation, and at a second stage whether the input data as a whole falls within ~~one or more~~at least two specific pathways of further data evaluation, a first of the specific pathways having an associated first mathematical model and a second of the specific pathways having an associated second mathematical model.

11. **(Original)** The system of claim 10, wherein if the input data is not complete at the first stage, then the solicitor is alerted to complete the data.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 11, wherein the means for automated contract evaluation determines at the second stage whether the input data as a whole falls with one of the at least two specific pathways based on one or more rules, the one or more rules being associated with a reinsurance business model~~the solicitor is directed to data that is not complete.~~

13. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 10, wherein each of the at least two~~one or more~~ specific pathways has a prerequisite of a given range of variables.

14. **(Original)** The system of claim 13, wherein a default pathway is followed if the input data does not fall within any of the one or more specific pathways.

15. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 10, wherein one of the at least two~~one or more~~ specific pathways accepts the input data of the solicitor and signals the solicitor that a contract has been formed.

16. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 10, wherein one of the at least two~~one or more~~ specific pathways presents the solicitor with a counteroffer.

17. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 10, wherein one of the at least two~~one or more~~ specific pathways requires manual intervention by a person who evaluates the input data.

18. **(Currently Amended)** A method of transacting business between a solicitor and a business, the method comprising:
receiving input data from a solicitor at a server associated with a business;
evaluating the input data; and

determining at a first stage whether the input data is complete, and error free in accordance with error validation criteria, to receive further evaluation, and at a second stage whether the input data as a whole falls within ~~one or more~~ at least two specific pathways of further data evaluation, a first of the specific pathways having an associated first mathematical model and a second of the specific pathways having an associated second mathematical model.

19. **(Original)** The method of claim 18, wherein if the input data is not complete at the first stage, then the solicitor is alerted to complete the data.

20. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 18, wherein each of the at least two ~~one or more~~ specific pathways has a prerequisite of a given range of variables.

21. **(Original)** The method of claim 18, wherein a default pathway is followed if the input data does not fall within any of the one or more specific pathways.

22. **(New)** The method of claim 18, wherein the determining at the second stage includes determining whether the input data as a whole falls with one of the at least two specific pathways based on one or more rules, the one or more rules being associated with a reinsurance business model.